## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Miyamoto et al. Group Art Unit: 1632

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For: METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS INTO

STEROID-PRODUCING CELLS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated November 26, 2008 having a period for response to <u>December 26, 2008</u>. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.